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Couches $11 75	formerly	22 50
White Beds $6	formerly	12 50

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THE COMMON COUNCIL

Considerable Business Done at Last Night's Meeting

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Mr Bastian Declines to Serve on Committees — Council Approves Presidents Appointments — Stone Crusher to Be Started Up.

The Common Council met in regular session last night a good sized audience Monday night It was whispered that Alderman Pastian was going to develop into a cyclone about something but he didn't He did decline to serve on any of the committees and he opposed the citys paying for a surety bond for the clerk, but otherwise he was as harmonious as the soft notes of the lute when touched by a sick lady's hand

Everybody present was waiting to hear the president announce his committees which are as follows

Water and Mains—Bastian Duculon O'Neal Barnes

Streets Bridges and Sewers—Gardner Wood Gavin Wildort

Lighting Streets and Buildings—Barnes Gavin Gardner Duculon

Public Buildings and Parks—Wood, Bastian O'Neal Gavin

Police—O'Neal Duculon Wood Waldort

Fire—Gavin Gardner Waldort Bastian

Railroad—Bastian O'Neal Wood Gardner

Auditing Accounts—Waldort Barnes Gardner Wood

Claims and Treasurer's Accounts—Gardner Barnes Bastian O'Neal

Laws—Barnes Waldort Gardner Wood

Rules—Bastian Duculon Waldort Gavin

Alderman Barnes Bastian took a look at his committees and then looked pained and said

I would respectfully ask permission to decline a moment It would be the first time an alderman at large has ever served on the standing committees of a Common Council and I should stand on the stand I do not feel justified in accepting the designations made by the president I will say this my constituents should not be divided in any such way I will not serve on the committees as it is not just that the First Ward should have representation on the aldermen

The question on concurring with the president was put and carried Alderman Bastian declining voting no

Pres Bastian I move that the resignation of Alderman Bastian be not accepted and that he be urged to withdraw it

Alderman Bastian I decline to withdraw it

Pres Bastian I move that the resignation be referred to the Mayor and Building committee to report at the next meeting

Carried

On motion of Mr Wood the Mayor was authorized to employ such counsel as he deems necessary in defending the suit brought by Orange County Telephone Company to restrain the enforcing of the ordinance fixing the rate for city service

Mr Waldort moved that the city clerk be directed to procure a bond in the sum of $5,000 for the security and fidelity of the company for the city clerk and the assistant city clerk

Mr Bastian opposed this saying that it was customary for the clerk to furnish his own bondsman at his own cost the city paying nothing When I find that the taxpayers will have to pay for such a bond I object

Mr Barnes said

I do as Mr Bastian does unless the amount is small

President Lawrence said

It will cost $225 for such a bond I have not yet said much in this matter of the clerk's bond for some time past and I have talked with some of the boodsmen and they think it an injustice to ask eight or nine men to qualify for the protection of all of the taxpayers It is becoming the custom in many cities and banking institutions are now doing the same way right in this city It is the surest bond It is a positive method

Mr O'Neal—I do have that in the matter was put to a vote of the taxpayers that they would favor a surety bond A man dislikes to refuse his friend when he asks him to become a bondsman but he hates to do it His property is virtually mortgaged If I must sell property that is hanging over it I do it as the business etc with whom I have discussed this matter approve of it

President Lawrence then announced that the cost would be less than five cents on each $1 000 assessed He put the question, and only Aldermen at Large Bastian and Alderman Barnes and Duculon voted no

On motion of Mr Wood the street committee was instructed to take an inventory of the property in the hands of the street superintendent, and report at the next meeting

On motion of Mr Barnes, the Mayor and city clerk were authorized to purchase office supplies as needed for the police department assessors, Board of Health and city engineer

On motion of Mr Barnes, all unfulfilled resolutions of the previous Council, except that providing for the painting of the poles in this city, were rescinded

On motion of Mr Gavin, several transfers of funds to other accounts were ordered

The reports from Chief Higham and Fire Inspector Hurst were filed

Mr O'Neal brought up the stone crusher question and urged that this is the time to put it to work that the time to put the crushed stone on the streets is while they are soft, soon after the frost has left the ground

Street Commissioner Reed who was called on, endorsed this sentiment and then called the Council's attention to the fact that the Smith street bridge must be rebuilt

Mr Barnes suggested that the securing of stone be done by contracting by the yard

Mr Duculon said that the work should be started as soon as possible Last year Cottage street was ready for the stone two weeks before it was delivered

The matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act

Several bills received from the *Press* for printing and advertising, dating back to 1896 were returned back to Slauson & Boyd for explanation

The following bills were audited and the Council adjourned at 9 05 having been in session only about an hour

BILLS AUDITED

Jas Stuck & Co, repairs	$ 5 00
Daily Press coll notice	8 50
J K Greene charter	25 00
Joshua Hirst services	25 00
Press printing	18 25
Gas Company	816 67
Gas Company	837 93
Press ptg and adv	13 88
Pay roll	73 60
Pay roll	74 55
C G Baldwin, dumping gd	10 00
Pay roll (police)	136 25
Edgar Terwilliger janitor	27 00

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Bill Authorizing Its Transformation Into a Stock Company Has Passed the Senate.

The Senate passed Monday Mr Goodsell's bill authorizing the Orange County Agricultural Society to issue stock and raise money on bonds

The bill provides that a majority of the directors of the society present and voting at any regular or special meeting said society may cause books to be opened for the subscription of capital stock of said society at such time and place and in such manner as they deem best The capital stock of such society to be subscribed and the subscription shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and shall not be less than five thousand dollars and shall be divided into shares of ten dollars each shall be issued at not less than par value and shall be paid in cash by the subscribers to the capital stock at the time of the subscription and the moneys so raised shall be used for the purposes of said society And any person owning or entitled to said stock shall be a member and stockholder of said society and have one vote for each share of stock so owned by him and may cast the same by proxy Directors may at any meeting of said society Dec 2nd next and every year thereafter elect a president and treasurer and such other officers as may be provided for by the by-laws of said society

And in case a majority of the directors of said society shall at any time neglect to call a meeting of said society Dec 2nd next and every year thereafter as aforesaid the stockholders shall each have the right to vote in person or by proxy on the number of shares of stock held by him at any meeting of said society

The plan of changing the organization of the society has been discussed at the meetings of the directors for this city and has finally been considered the best and most satisfactory way to put the society on a sound financial basis and insure the permanent success of its exhibitions

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR

The Police Are Onto the Tricks and the Ways of This Professional Traveler

A paralytic who was a result of a visit here about a year ago is not in good standing with the police was turned off Erie No 14 in his harness Monday night. The officers say that he is a professional traveler and that he received a severe scoring from the Scranton newspapers

He had had a little money and he was arrested in Rochester This morning he informed the police that he wanted to go to a certain restaurant They told him that there was no hurry

Capt Weber gave the man a lecture, telling him he would not be allowed to remain in the city after his money was gone but would be taken to Orange Farm from which he would have a ride to the State alms house

ENDEAVORERS' MEETING.

First Congregational Young People spend a Pleasant Evening.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Congregational Church held a business meeting followed by a social hour Monday night, at the residence of Miss Sara Stevens No 57 Sprague avenue

The routine business was followed by readings recitations and vocal and instrumental music Among those who participated in the entertainment were Mrs T G Majors Miss Marvel Miss Buck and Miss Pendall

Boys Were Having a Little Fun.

John Henning complained to Capt Weber, Monday night that a roll of leather had been stolen from in front of his shoe shop on James street When he returned the leather was back in its old place The boys were merely having a little fun with the good natured cobbler

Train Stoners Not Arrested.

The Erie's detectives made a grand bluff here, Monday while looking ostensibly for the boys who have been throwing stones at passing trains They returned, Monday night to Jersey City, without making any arrests

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—On an average, 1 000 cars loaded with freight and coal go east over the Erie every day

—About twenty cars of coal a day are now brought to city over the Susquehanna and transferred to the Erie for shipment to New England points

SWEPT BY A CYCLONE

Sunday's Storm in Pike County, Pa.

FARM SWEPT CLEAN OF BUILDINGS

Cyclone Most Severe on Sheriff Vandermark's Farm—Four Persons Seriously Injured—Other Damage and Other Casualties.

Sunday afternoon's storm was a veritable cyclone in the hills back of Dingman's Ferry, Pa and laid waste everything in its path, which fortunately was only about a hundred yards wide

Sheriff Elijah Vandermark, whose place is three miles back of Dingman's, was the heaviest loser The wind picked up the house bodily and carried it forty feet, overturning it The stoves were upset and the fire set to the wrecked house, which was soon entirely consumed The barn a comparatively new building, the wagon house, granary, corn crib and outbuildings were all destroyed leaving the place stripped and desolate

Sheriff Vandermark who had entered the house just as the wind struck it had his nose and four ribs broken and his daughter Lizzie was terribly bruised about the head and shoulders The Sheriff's eleven year old son Joseph and the hired man Morris Young, were in the barn The former had three ribs broken and the jagged ends of some of them pierced his lungs Young had his skull fractured and a shoulder dislocated A team of horses were badly injured and three cows were killed

A hen coop 100 feet from the barn, was picked up bodily and moved a considerable distance but strange to say was not disturbed

A farmer's barn on the next farm, was moved twelve feet from its foundations its roof was blown off and the cow house demolished Three cows were noted in the wreck and a great quantity of hay was carried to the four winds of heaven

Charles Beasly another neighbor was on the road when the cyclone struck him and his team ran away, and he was badly hurt His brother James Beasly, living in the neighborhood was shocked by lightning and the heel of his boot was torn off but he was not seriously injured

The storm passed over the hills and came down to the Delaware Valley, near the home of P A I Quick and tore up the trees ploughing however no further damage

The cyclone as it crossed the river was seen by Jay Quick and his horse was lifted bodily into the air It was full of branches of trees hay wreckage of houses etc and on striking the water from Mr Vandermark's barn was dropped in the valley He would had a distinct rotary motion this showing that it was a true cyclone and it twisted off trees twenty inches in diameter

MRS. FRED JOHNSON'S DEATH

Due to Drugs Administered by Herself Her Husband Exonerated.

The inquest over the cause of death of Mrs Fred Johnson of Greenville was held last evening

It will be remembered that Mrs Johnson died suddenly on Friday morning and that the coroner was notified that her husband had given her some medicine to cure a cold and that he sent her a dollar bill to which he wrote him not to waste it on her husband knowing she was dead

The verdict rendered was that death was due to drugs administered by her husband presumably Johnson from all accounts

No More U. S. Army Recruits Enlisted Here

Orders have been received here by Capt Hoyt and Corporal Daggett that secured no additional recruits for the U S Army at their Russell House recruiting office Private Sherman formerly of Co I had a consultation with Capt Hoyt and may conclude to join the regular army

The recruits whose names were published Monday leave on No 30, to night, and start for San Antonio Tex to morrow

There were plenty of applicants this afternoon and a party numbering at least thirty stood on James street opposite the Russell House debating among themselves whether or not they would enlist

To Arrange for the 24th's Smoker.

The committee having in charge the smoker to be given by the 24th Separate Company will meet at the armory tomorrow night These committee consists of First Lieut A J Decker Q M Sergt M Millspaugh Corporal V L N Tompson, Corporals Grausman Privates Daniel Veber, W M Dietz and L E Rose

Meeting of the Clerks' Association.

The Clerks' Association met at the Board of Trade rooms Monday night From Secretary Mortimer Hulse it was learned that by laws were adopted and routine business was conducted, but the election of officers was postponed

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr Thomas' Eclectric Oil Heals cuts bruises, stings, sprains Most all over pain

A Snow-storm in Summer

Ever see one? We never did, but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it look'd as if it had been out in a regular snow storm

No need of this snow-storm.

As the summer sun melts the falling snow, so

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NOMINATIONS IN PORT JERVIS

Candidates for Village Officers Named by Both Parties.

The Democrats and Republicans of Port Jervis held their conventions, Saturday night, for the nomination of candidates for village officers

The Democratic convention was entirely harmonious, and the following nominations were made

President—James Purtell

Trustees—Dr. C. N. Skinner, Fred Huegle, Clark Caskey, James B Hamilton.

Police Justice—Joseph V McCormick

Treasurer—Benjamin Ryall.

Inspectors of election—1st district, Bernard Morman, Charles Wilts, 2d district, Thomas Flanagan, James P Colgan

The chair appointed the following village committee Eri Skinner, James P Gillen and Thomas Hulse

The Republican convention did not pass off so smoothly. Henry B. Fullerton was hot foot after the nomination for police justice, and when he was dumped he and his friends did not take it kindly and the *Gazette* says that after the convention adjourned such words as "liar," "crooked," "traitor" and other kindred terms were freely exchanged by some of the delegates The refusal of the bosses to renominate George Schoonover also made hard feeling The nominations are

President—P L Gumaer

Trustees—Samuel Raymond, William Wilkin, Munson G Wickham, J B Courtright

Police justice—W. H Shaw

Treasurer—Fred Wehinger

Inspectors of election—1st district, Charles E. Holmes, Charles Abers 2d district F M Taylor M W Mason

MAY GO ON THE STAGE.

Middletown Young Woman May Go With "Grip of Steel" Company.

It is whispered in a small circle, to day, that when "A Grip of Steel" company leaves here, to morrow, it will include a well known woman of this city, who has a liking for the stage This young lady is tall striking, and a well known figure on a wheel last season She is said to be going with out the consent of relatives

OBITUARY.

Charles DuBois Greenleaf.

Charles DuBois Greenleaf died at noon, to day, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs James W Acker, 14 Roberts street aged seventy-eight years

A more extended obituary will appear, to morrow

Appointed Special Policemen.

Mayor Elwood, to day appointed W H Tyrell and Frank Freer special policemen Officer White's time expires after to night's performance of duty

The above appointments are for two weeks, the charter limiting the Mayor's power of appointment to that time.

The Universalist Supper.

The gentlemen's supper, to-morrow evening, at the Assembly Rooms, will fully sustain a deserved reputation The ladies will add charm and skill to the service Supper will be served at 5 30 and thereafter Price twenty five cents Small tables for parties of friends

Has Gone to Philadelphia.

James Carroll for years an employe of the rolling mill, and recently a motor man on the trolley line, went to Philadelphia Monday night, to accept a position with Disston's plant

Mr Carroll's family will remain at No 14 Benton avenue for the present

Major Chase's Resignation.

From the Newburgh Journal

Major James F Chase has announced to some of his close friends that he has tendered his resignation as Major of the 12th Battalion General regret is expressed at the action of the veteran who has done such long and splendid service

Prompt Payment of Fire Damage.

The Glens Falls Insurance Company, Case & Taylor, agents, settled, Monday, with Isaac B. Terwilliger, of Westtown, paying him in full satisfaction for his damage by fire, which occurred on the 8th inst

P. E. Sanford's Delhi Creamery Burned.

Word was received here to day noon, that the creamery at Delhi, owned by Pierson E Sanford, of Warwick was totally destroyed by fire, this morning

Accidents Will Happen.

John Brown a G A R veteran of 2,446 Marshall street, Philadelphia, says "By mere accident I came across Dr Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I was a great sufferer from that dread malady —Catarrh This wonderful remedy effected a speedy and permanent cure and I have been so thankful that I am willing to spend much time in spreading the good news

Sold by J. F. Mills and McMonagle & Rogers

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS P TIGHE, Commission Broker, Sterr Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N Y

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin

NEW YORK, March 14 '99

	Yesterday Close	To day Close
Sugar	141¼	140⅝
Tobacco	197¾	211
Chicago Gas	114½	114⅝
Nat Lead	—	—
General Electric	118¾	118¾
U S L pref	71¾	73¼
Penn Coal and Iron	47	47⅜
A T & S F	21¾	21¾
N P & Q	139½	139⅞
C M & St. P	127⅝	127⅝
R. I	116⅝	116⅝
O. L & W	—	—
C of N J	112½	112
Erie	—	—
D and H	—	116
D & W	27¾	27⅝
Federal Steel	51⅝	52¼
P. & R	24	24
Do, 1st pref	65½	65¾
N W	147¼	146¾
L. S	—	—
[illegible]	14	14⅝
M P	36¾	36¾
Texas	24⅝	24⅝
P P	43¼	44¼
W Union	94½	94
L & N	68⅝	68⅞
Manhattan	108	10 ¾
R. M.	48½	47⅞
Wabash, pref	22	21⅝
No. Pacific, pref	78¾	78¼
Metropolitan Traction	252	250½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.	98	98
Southern pref	40⅝	40¼

CHICAGO MARKET

May Wheat	69¼	70⅜
May Corn	34¾	35¼
May Oats	28	28¼
May Pork	$9 10	$9 17
May Lard	5 37	5 37

DR. NANCY GUILFORD

Her Trial Postponed Until Thursday.

PRISONER ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Her Physical Condition May Prevent Her Trial for Emma Gill's Murder—The Yellow Mill Pond Mystery Recalled.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 14.—The trial of Dr. Nancy Guilford, the midwife who is charged with murder in the second degree, in causing by a criminal operation the death of Miss Emma Gill, of Southington, the victim of the notorious Yellow Mill Pond murder mystery, has been postponed until Thursday next, on account of the serious illness of the prisoner

Dr Guilford is on the verge of collapse For several days she has been unable to partake of any substantial food, and fears are expressed that the woman's condition is such that physical collapse will end her presence at the long trial which was expected

AMERICAN LINES ADVANCED.

Now Extend Beyond Pasig to Laguna Lake.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, March 14, 6 30 p m—Brig Gen Wheaton's column advanced, today, beyond Pasig to the shore of Laguna Lake, sweeping everything before it The enemy made a running fight and suffered severe loss The rebels avenue of communication north and south is now closed the American cordon stretching over a mile from the river to the lake The rebels are in force at Paterno and Tagung

Two of yesterday's wounded Private Stewart, of the 20th Regiment and Private Munson of the 22d Regiment, are dead

The insurgents' loss, yesterday was heavy and ours in killed and wounded was slight aggregating only thirty five, most of whom were but slightly wounded The insurgents made no decided stand

Two improvised gunboats on the lake have captured considerable property

ORDERED OUT OF CUBA.

Five Indian Nuns Sent Home by the Pope's Representative.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE Md March 14—Five Sisters of the American Order of the Sacred Heart according to a dispatch from Pinar Del Rio have been ordered away from Cuba by Archbishop Chapelle the Papal representative recently appointed to investigate affairs of the Catholic Church there

The five nuns are daughters of Indian chiefs, and they went to Cuba last November

Catholics here have no information as to the cause for the order of expulsion and fear the anti American element has got the ear of the Pope's legate

Nothing Fresh About This Trust.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK March 14—It is reported to-day that the evaporated salt interests of this State are being brought together under the title of the National Salt Company It will have an authorized capital of $12 000,000 The companies included in the combination produce about ninety per cent of New York's output of salt

The Pope Is Not So Well.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON March 14—A special from Rome announces that the Pope is suffering from a renewal of fainting fits but it is added that his physicians do not regard his condition as serious

Rhode Island Democrats Nominations

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE R I March 14—The Democrats of Rhode Island held their annual convention to day and Hon Geo W Green, Mayor of Woonsocket, was nominated for Governor

Transports For the Philippines.

WASHINGTON March 14—The Nelson and the Cleveland, which will be used mainly for the transportation of freight to the Philippines have been chartered by the war department They are new ships and will leave for Manila about the 16th and will be followed a few days later by the Zealandia and City of Pueblo which are to carry the Ninth Infantry to the Philippines

More Tea and Sugar, Less Wool.

WASHINGTON March 14—The monthly statement of the imports of tea sugar and wool issued by the bureau of statistics shows that during February the imports of tea amounted to $782 076 as against $656 928 for February 1898. The sugar imports aggregated $5,591 206 as against $4 475 544, wool, $1 023 318 as against $2 118,261

Meeting of the Epworth League.

The regular business and social meeting of the Epworth League was largely attended in St. Paul's lecture room, Monday night The feature of the social programme was the "Dewey paper," edited by A. M Payne

The lecture room was attractively decorated with flags and photographs of well known public men, and a guessing contest on the latter followed

Go morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. CURE All Pain "One cent a dose."

Object Lessons in Economy.

STUDY OUR WINDOW DISPLAY, THIS WEEK, AND LEARN HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

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A good Covert Coat at $4. The $7 grade, now at $4 98 Very small coats, velvet collar, $5

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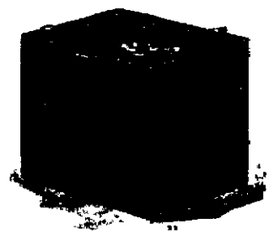

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$1.50 Colored Shirts for 50c.

50c Underwear for 25c.

Linen Collars for 5c.

$1.25 and $1.50 Lined Coats for 75c.

Children's Suits and Overcoats for half price.

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TELEPHONE 186

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New To-day.

Fancy New Maple Sugar, first of the season strictly pure goods; our Beech Nut Hams and Bacon are selling very fast; No 1 Mackerel, fat and white; choice No 2 Mackerel Fresh Butter received daily, Print Butter every week, 5 pound baskets Catawba Grapes.

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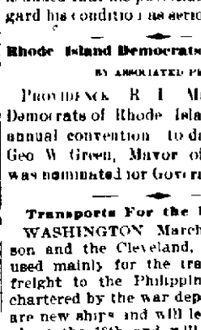

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WELLER & DEMEREST.

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A Few of the Many Special Leaders Offered This Week.

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TUESDAY MARCH 14 1899

John Wanamaker's New York store which lost money for the two firms that occupied it after A T Stewart's death is said to have cleared over $1 500 000 last year having been almost as profitable as the old established Phila Johnston store which netted its owner $1 750 000 during the year The secret of Mr Wanamaker's success and the secret of the hoodooed Stewart stock is good management backed by extensive and skillful advertising He spent for this purpose last year in New York alone over $400 000, and that it was well spent and yielded large returns is shown by the enormous business and by the increase in the stock

Such items as the Argus recently called attention to, that a gain to the city of $10 000 in the bond of $65 000 with no bonded debt is a very important one, and that the citizens who were able to do business and whom it paid to do business as well were willing to pay for it. The suggestion was made that the sums that the corporations should pay were those that would have been nothing to many of them if they had not been taxed to put them in what amounts to the same thing but the principle should be the same. Now we have a law to tax the Middletown Water Works Light and Power Co and the Middletown Electric Light Co on the value of their franchises and the Assessors have the power to put a value on them. Let us see that they do it.

In great all unanimous action of the Common Assembly in denouncing from the platform the passing from the city's treasury the funds of the city to the United States village to provide for the payment of Cuban pensions is the only interesting show that the Cuban question has developed in this country.

Such action as that of the Assembly will be approved by the people of this city and state and by all patriotic citizens throughout the country. The Assembly no doubt voiced the sentiment of the people in the event of this question being presented to the Legislature. Assemblyman Bailey introduced the resolution and Assemblyman Ashworth

—Henry Morgan and family have moved from Grove Farm to the house here lately occupied by Thomas Ashworth

—Mrs Isaac Cobb is very ill with pneumonia

—Mrs Henrietta Mc Ross is visiting friends in New York city

—Frank Dubois will spend Sunday with his family from the country

—We understand the old Union tannery will be operated in April 1st by its present owner D Pratt Peck

WESTBROOKVILLE

Sudden Death of John Morgan—Entertainment and Supper—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury

—The Morgan Oil Co's well struck oil last Tuesday March 7th at a depth of 1 050 feet. A good well was had. A Mr Cole of Pittsburg was present when the well struck oil. Mr Cole has had charge of the Morgan well from the start and is pleased with the result. He says it is a very good well for a new field.

—Mrs Morgan Bailey was called to Middletown last Thursday March 9th by the sudden death of her father John Morgan. Mr Morgan was born in Ireland 74 years ago. He came to this country when a young man and settled in Orange county. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Sweeney in Goshen. They moved to Westbrookville where they have since resided. Mr Morgan was a member of the Methodist church for many years. He was a kind husband and father and a good neighbor. He was highly respected by all who knew him. He was taken sick with pneumonia on Saturday March 4th and died on Thursday March 9th. He was buried on Sunday March 12th. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. The children are Mrs Bailey of this place, Mrs Wm Hoffman of Middletown, Mrs Wm Wilson of Middletown

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE

You never can find any lawyers in this city Mondays. They swarm to Goshen to transact business before Surrogate Howell who holds forth there that day. The 8:10 train which leaves Erie Station Square at 9 o'clock on Monday carries a weight of intellect which threatens the Midway Park bridge every time it moves, and the bridge watchman gets sum the bridge watchin.

There is a young man who occasionally visits the city who has little labored imitation of cowpuncher which ought to be enough to close on for prevent any more strokes. He is popular enough when he is sober but he is a terrible nuisance when he is not. About a year ago, while stopping at one of the hotels he distinguished himself by running through the halls about midnight while entirely nude.

Who here on earth can visit a grocery and not smash all of the window glass in his room in it to pitch the pieces into the street. He had a narrow escape from arresting on Monday morning by paying up the cash.

Any starving man who wants this city can have my appreciative friends that I left the Elk whiskey and come. If he is stuck on Kentucky and about the first thing I discover about his whiskey is a man in Baltimore and an old guy in Rochester. He and he pays every cent he owes and knows all he owes a person is now driving in parts of the country. He generally spends a week here and he holds forth to options at various popular hostelries which he holds a private interest until a late hour with good results—nothing vulgar ever occurs. He is also known to drink the stuff that is by traveling men.

Four spent several days in East Aurora, N. Y., last week, accompanied by his wife, who is a sister of Miss Alice Hubbard, the well-known writer. Mrs. Hubbard is a very handsome woman, and is also a very charming conversationalist. Her husband is the editor of the Philistine, a magazine which is published in East Aurora, and which has a very large circulation.

Last Tuesday was the fourteenth of the month, or hundred and thirteenth during the session, was as follows: John Ewan (Union Republican), Colonel Henry A. Dupont (Republican), John Egan (Democrat), Congressman John Dalzell (Republican), Congressman Irving Brandt (Democrat), Senator George Wolf (Democrat), Willard Saulsbury (Democrat) and Senator Anthony Higgins (Republican).

The ballot was taken in all the counties of the state, and when the returns were compiled it was found that Addicks had received a majority of the votes cast. The law requires that a majority of the votes cast in both houses of the legislature shall be necessary to a choice, and as Addicks lacked five votes of having a majority of the votes cast, he was declared not elected.

Immediately after the announcement was made that Addicks had been defeated, Senator Higgins moved that the legislature proceed to the election of a senator to succeed Senator Gray, whose term expires March 4, 1901. Senator Higgins nominated Senator Richard R. Kenney, who was also elected. Senator Kenney will also serve for the term of six years, beginning March 4, 1901.

Senator Kenney is a native of Delaware, and is a lawyer by profession. He has served in the state senate for several years, and is a prominent Democrat. He is a member of the Democratic state committee, and has been a delegate to several national conventions. He is a member of the Democratic national committee, and has been a delegate to several national conventions. He is a member of the Democratic national committee, and has been a delegate to several national conventions.

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